by case basis, pending a formal policy decision in this regard by the cabinet;

(b) if so, how many investment proposals have been cleared so far and how many are in the advanced stage of approval; and

(c) whether any policy guidelines have been formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) It has been decided to examine the position related to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and formulate clear and transparent policy guidelines on the subject, including the aspects relating to preprimary and elementary education. Pending this review, proposals are being examined on case by case basis. Two proposals have been received recently of which one is in advanced stage of finalization and the other is under process.

Lower enrolment of foreign students in Indian Universities

†2588. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enrolment of foreign students in current session in University of Delhi and in all the other universities of the country has been lower *vis-a-vis* the last year;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that due to deteriorating educational atmosphere in the University of Delhi Foreign students are no more interested to study in other universities of India;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken serious note of the circumstances; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, enrolment of foreign students during the current academic year has been marginally

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lower than that in the previous years. However, there has been no deterioration of educational atmosphere discouraging the foreign students from taking admission in Indian universities. The marginal decline in enrolment of foreign students might be due to the ongoing tension on the Indo-Pak border and the advice given by certain foreign countries to their students to delay their departure for India till such time the situation is improved.

Experimental Infrastructure in Educational Institutions

†2589. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the science education of the primitive age is being imparted in all the colleges, schools and universities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that laboratories of most of the colleges in the country are not equipped with experiment-related instruments and other materials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Science education in the colleges and universities is imparted as per the syllabus of the concerned university. However, UGC has recently framed model curricula at undergraduate and postgraduate level in various disciplines of 32 subjects, including Science. The UGC has requested all the universities either to adopt it in toto or to adopt it after making necessary amendments or to adopt it after deletion/addition or to adopt it after making any change whatsoever, which the university may consider right.

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